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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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For:	STORAGE DEVICE CONTROL UNIT AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- 17 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- Request for Priority to claim the priority date of October 7, 2003.
- ☑ An Unexecuted Declaration.
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